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## FANWOOD

On Thursday, December 22d, the winter recess began at noon, the students departing for their homes. School will reopen during the first week in January, the pupils being due to return Tuesday evening, January 2d.

The annual Christmas program was held Thursday in the morning at 10:30 in Winthrop Hall. Being the first one at the new School, it was of more than usual interest. The wide spacious room with its large arched windows and high ceiling makes it admirably suited for such occasions. Ropes of laurel swung from each chandelier and at one end of the room was a large Christmas tree twenty feet high, all asplendor with lights and glittering ornaments.

The program was started with a procession of the School staff and cadets to Winthrop Hall, led by the Band, playing "O, come all ye faithful." The rest was as follows:

Selection ..... Boys' Chorus  
Accompanied by the Band  
"O, Little Town of Bethlehem"  
Carol ..... Men's Chorus  
Accompanied by Mrs. Tucker  
"We Three Kings of Orient Are"  
Carol ..... Boys' Chorus  
Accompanied by Miss Cornell  
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"  
Carol ..... Men's Chorus  
Accompanied by Mrs. Tucker  
"Deck the Hall"  
Carol ..... Boys' and Men's Chorus  
Accompanied by Mrs. Tucker  
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

"Christmas Greetings" ..... Supt. Skyberg  
Santa Claus ..... Himself  
Distribution of Gifts

Selection ..... The Band

At the conclusion, Santa Claus in the person of Lieut. F. Lux distributed gifts and candy to the children. Presents were also exchanged among the School family, good-byes were said, and by noon most were on their way to spend the holidays at home with their families and friends.

The committee chairmen were as follows: General Chairman, Mr. Benning; Decorations—Winthrop Hall, Mr. Harris; Christmas Tree, Mr. Brooks; Lighting, Mr. Tyrrell and Mr. Wright; Candy, Mr. Tucker; Gifts, Mrs. Nies; Ushers, Mr. Tainsly; Music: Band, Major Edwards; Boys' Chorus, Miss Berry, Accompanist, Miss Cornell; Men's Chorus, Mrs. Tucker.

The members of the School staff, officers and others of the School family were entertained at a Christmas reception tendered by Superintendent and Mrs. Skyberg on Wednesday afternoon, December 21st, in the new library in Peet Hall. Everyone expressed their enjoyment of the delightfully planned affair and the beautiful Christmas decorations.

On Tuesday evening, a Christmas party was tendered by the cadets to Major Edwards, who retires next January after 29 years of active service in this school. A framed scroll containing the signature of the pupils was presented to him.

The Band played a Christmas carol, and led the cadets' procession to the dining room. Then "Auld Lang Syne" was played in honor of Major Edwards, after he had received the scroll from the cadets.

Two beautiful bowls of tropical plants were given to Miss Swanson, our dietitian and Miss Koval, her assistant, at the same time, for their

## Greetings of the Season

to the

Subscribers, Correspondents, and  
Contributors

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splendid arrangements of banquets and parties recently. They were presented by the General Organization.

On Thursday morning, Cadet Konrady, representing the cadets made a speech honoring Major Edwards and presented him a beautiful gold wrist watch as token of the cadets' esteem.

On Tuesday night, December 20th, in the auditorium an enthusiastic gathering witnessed the presentation of "Hansel and Gretel." The show was staged, directed and acted by the students under the supervision of Cadet Konrady. The scenes so vital to the show were made by the boys, aided by Mr. Armstrong.

The show was well received by the large crowd that was there to enjoy it. The scenery made by the cadets was quite interesting. The house of the witch was decorated with gingerbread cookies. The cast of characters follows:

Hansel	Thomas Reston
Gretel	Edward Hansen
Father	James Carl
Stepmother	Duino Fachin
Witch	Theodore Gaden

The library has at last been outfitted and opened for general use. Though long in completion, all those who have had occasion to browse there admit it is one of the best things of our new School. Words are inadequate in describing its roominess and lighting.

With a flurry of snow, dry and heavy, a white Christmas is in the offing. With the arrival of Kris Kringle Flakes the cadets and staff are planning on a real old-fashioned celebration. Fanwood bedecked in a regal white coat is a splendor to behold.

Mr. Rogers has planned to spend his vacation period at his home in Brewerton. There he intends to fish through the ice and hunt rabbits. Mr. Rogers will also attend the Syracuse Physical Education meeting of that district.

On Monday, December 9th, Mr. and Mrs. Tainsly, Messrs. Friedman and Rogers attended the Syracuse vs. Michigan basketball contest at the White Plains Center. The closing minutes of the game saw Michigan come from 11 points behind to win by one point 38-37.

## New York City

### CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANN'S

Services during Christmas week will be held at St. Ann's Church as follows: Holy Communion, at 11 o'clock, Sunday morning, December 25th. Carol service, with the choir, at 3 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, December 25th. Commemoration Service, at 8 o'clock, Monday evening, December 26th (St. Stephen's Day). Fortieth Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Ann's Church for the Deaf.

There will be Mission Services in Brooklyn and Newark on Sunday, December 25th. The members of these Missions are cordially invited to worship with us at St. Ann's on Christmas Day.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated in the chapel at St. Clement's Church, 271 Lafayette Street, Hawthorne, N. J., at 8:15 P.M., Wednesday evening, December 28th (Holy Innocents Day). The deaf of neighboring towns are cordially invited to attend. A social gathering will be held in the Parish House after the service.

St. Ann's will hold its Christmas Festival on Monday evening, December 26th, after the Commemoration Service. Admission free to church members.

The Brooklyn Protestant Guild of the Deaf will hold a Christmas Festival on Thursday evening, December 29th, at 8 P.M., in the Parish House of St. Mark's Church, 230 Adelphi Street, near DeKalb Avenue. Members free; others 25 cents admission.

Mary Ann Fraser, beloved aunt of Betty Austin, died suddenly at her home in New York City on Wednesday, December 14th. Burial services were private and interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Ludwig Fischer who has been at the Knapp Memorial Eye Hospital for five weeks, is back at home with her family.

Mr. Maurice Moster is still very seriously ill at Bellevue Hospital with a bad leg, which was hurt last Spring. He is anxious to see any of his friends who are able to call.

## NEW YORK CITY

### GALLAUDET DINNER

In order to perpetuate the memory of the great friend and benefactor of the deaf who made it possible for America's deaf children to get their rightful heritage—a free education—the Metropolitan Civic Association of the Deaf celebrated the 151st birthday anniversary of Thmoas Hopkins Gallaudet with its annual dinner on Saturday evening, December 10th, at Coburn Restaurant on upper Broadway.

There were about seventy-five present, among those were Messrs. James P. McArdle, Jack Ebin and Marcus L. Kenner, presidents of a local, a state and a national association of the deaf, respectively; namely, Metropolitan Civic Association of the Deaf, Empire State Association of the Deaf and National Association of the Deaf. The dinner was fine and was one of enthusiasm, hospitality and a good time.

Mr. Wolff Bragg, chairman, presided and welcomed those present and presented the speakers. Those who were invited to speak were Messrs. James McArdle, Jack Ebin, Marcus L. Kenner, John N. Funk, Samuel Frankenheim, Franz Ascher, and J. Miller. All paid a glowing tribute to the life of Gallaudet and his work, and stated that Gallaudet characterized many of fine things, and urged all to rededicate themselves to be principles of Gallaudet in their daily lives, i.e., to help their fellow deaf who are unfortunate.

At the close of the dinner, Charles Joselow rendered in excellent sign language the beautiful poem, "Abou Ben Adhem," by James Henry Leigh Hunt, which was well received. Mr. Joselow said that the poem was selected because Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet was like Abou Ben Adhem. The poem is reprinted herewith:

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,  
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,  
An Angel writing in a book of gold:  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the Presence in the room he said,  
"What writest thou?" The Vision raised its head,  
And with a look made of all sweet accord  
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."  
"And is mine one?" said Abou, "Nay, not so,"  
Replied the Angel. Abou spoke more low,  
But cheerily still; and said, "I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his fellow-men."

The Angel wrote, and vanished. The next night  
It came again with a great wakening light,  
And showed the names whom love of God had blest,  
And, lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest!

Credit for the success of the evening should go the committee, composed of Mr. Wolff Bragg, chairman, Mr. Jerome M. Schapira, Mr. Joe Miller and Mrs. Belle Peters.

A. K.

Mr. Louis Hatowesky is now at Montefiore Hospital. For some time he had not been feeling well. He has been visited by several of his club mates, and we are informed that every thing, is being done to ease his suffering, and hope for his eventual recovery is entertained.

From across the country—Los Angeles, Cal., to Manhattan, New York City, is what Frederick W. Meinken in company with his son-in-law accomplished last week in a plane. Mr. Meinken is now a patient in St. Luke's Hospital, where he will probably undergo an operation.

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## CHICAGOLAND

News items for this column, and subscriptions should be sent to Peter J. Livshis, 3811 West Harrison St., Chicago, Ill.

Centennial Celebration! All Illinoisans and the Alumni will do well to turn their eyes to this coming event, now that the year is drawing to a close. The following letter from the Illinois State School for the Deaf dated December 3d, will tell in part what is coming and all are urged to make plans for it in advance.

Dear Friend:

As you probably already know, the Illinois School for the Deaf will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary early in June, 1939.

The celebration, to which all alumni and friends of the School are cordially invited, will begin Wednesday afternoon, June 7th and close Sunday morning, June 11th. It is being sponsored by the State Department of Public Welfare and the Illinois School for the Deaf Alumni Association. Elaborate plans are now underway for the coming anniversary and everything is being done to make it one of the outstanding events in the history of the School.

How many years have elapsed since you left I. S. D.? Isn't it about time for a visit to your Alma Mater after all these years?

A great time is in store for those who plan to attend the Centennial. No alumnus should miss it. The program now nearing completion offers to one and all the time of his life. Many of your old friends are certain to be here for the celebration. What a pleasure it will be to renew acquaintances of long ago and bring back to memory the happy times of your school days!

As announced in the School paper, *The Illinois Advance*, last spring, meals and lodging for all comers will be available at the School. There will be no charge for use of the dormitory rooms. Meals will be \$1.00 per day per person, or \$3.50 per person for the four days of the celebration.

Watch for our next letter. Meanwhile make your plans for a glorious trip to good old Jacksonville in June, 1939, for the I. S. D. Centennial Celebration.

With Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
The Local Committee.

Mrs. J. Frederick Meagher, who is the president of the Illinois Alumni, is the person in position to send out information anent this brilliant affair.

Chicago Division, No. 106, elected its officers, every one by acclamation, at the Friday meeting, December 9th. They are president, Earl Nelson; vice-president, George Brislen; secretary, Frank Bush; treasurer, Albert Rensman; Director, Tony Adducci; and Trustee 3 years, Joseph N. Stulga.

**Correction**—In the previous column the writer inadvertently reported that the Chicago Silent Dramatic Club will give a floor show for Chicago Association of the Deaf on January 21st. Actually it will be under the auspices of Chicago Deaf Bowling League.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Honig of Brooklyn, N. Y., take great pleasure in announcing the birth of their baby boy, on Wednesday, December 7., here in Chicago. It weighs 5 pounds and 14 ounces. Some time in the early part of the year 1939, Mrs. Honig and the baby will return to Brooklyn.

The Central Oral Club is keeping its undisturbed pace all through the fall, the attendance at its second Sunday card party at the same hall in the Hotel Atlantic for the past 10 years. The hostess and host for last October, November and December were Mrs. Hirmann and Adam Werner, Mrs. Walter Thiele and Charles Hanton; and Dorothy Peterson and Charles Lindskog. At December party there was one of its oldest former members, Theodore Blomgren after years of absence. It will be recalled that he was shot in the shoulder by a stray bullet on the day of Armistice as he stood watching out of a Loop window. It nearly finished him as a commercial artist. After about five years he regained the control of his arm.

The Chicago League of the Hebrew Deaf had its monthly gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Epstein, Sunday, December 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredo Hyman have gone to New York, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fannie Magnus for a few months.

The redoubtable pair, Mesdames Martha Michaelson and Ursin, heaved their mighty shoulders to the belated "City-Wide" card party, and pushed it into movement last Saturday night. About fifty tables. Latest innovation: as it happened to be Dec. 10, the natal day of Gallaudet, a show was used to start it off, depicting this personage. Ralph Miller posed, a child on his knee, both holding up their closed fists, the first letter of alphabet, "A." The child belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Roundtree, and sat motionless remarkably long while Ann Shawl signed a song of Gallaudet. J. F. Meagher delivered a short talk, followed by his better half who wanted to have the last word. Mrs. Smolk took her turn and signed a song. Gilbert O. Erickson concluded with a biographical sketch of Gallaudet.

## Gallaudet College

By Will Rogers

Gallaudet's basketballers, who have been practicing under the management of Blair Smith for the past several weeks, came out on the long end of a 52-29 score when they met the Alumni team in Old Gym December tenth. Captained by Dick Phillips, the Blues burned up the court Saturday night. The Alumni, stronger than anticipated in spite of their insufficient practice, gave the Blues a battle but couldn't stem the rally started in the first quarter. Captained by John Wurdemann and functioning around the nucleus of Goodin, Curtis and Cuppy, the Alumni held the college boys to a 12-8 score in the first quarter, but the opening of the second saw plenty of fireworks on the part of the home team and by the end of the third quarter, the game was on ice. The last canto saw the Alumni come back fighting and a ten point deadlock resulted.

High point man of the evening was Carmen Ludovice, speedy forward from Pennsylvania. Hugh Curtis led the scoring for the Alumni with eight points as compared to Ludovice's 21.

Good shooting and splendid team work were the order of the evening for Gallaudet. From all appearances, the team has the makings this year, but that remains to be seen.

While the Blues were walking away with the Alumni on the court, the grapplers were being entertained by the local Y. M. C. A. The make-shift Y team, with no opponent for Hess in the 118 pound class, and none for Jorde in the 175 pound division, utilized their 126 pounder and 155 pound man to fill these places after the regular bouts had been run off. First blood was claimed by the Y when Hollon defeated Sullivan in the 126 pound class by a time advantage of 5:54. Following up with a fall over Rafferty, the Association boys showed that they were out to win. This point was further borne home when Gilbert pinned Glnacy in 1:35 minutes, bringing their total points to 13. Stotts, in his usual form, met an experienced mat artist in the person of Meyers, king-pin in the local 155 pound division for the past several seasons. Stotts won by the clock, a matter of 7:18 minutes out of eight, but to Meyers goes the credit for a topnotch game fight. Earl Jones again put in an appearance on the mat after an absence of two years, and kept up his good work by pinning his man after a tough battle that lasted a good six and a half minutes. In the unlimited division, Ohlson, representing the Blues, though sadly outclassed and outweighed, held off the Y's Ackerman for the full time, losing on a time advantage. The make-shift matches followed the main bouts, Hess losing by a fall to Hollon and Jorde defeating Meyers by time advantage. However, though defeated twice in the same evening, Meyers put up one of the best performances seen in a long

the East" in beautiful signs. The crit-grapplers helpless by his splendid defenses.

Inexperience and lack of practice may account for the defeat handed to the Blues. Technically, the meet can be claimed by the college boys who had a ten point lead by default before the meet began by virtue of the fact that the Y lacked opponents in the two classes as mentioned. However, as matters stand, the meet was lost, and the team will have a chance to even accounts when the Y team visits Gallaudet in January.

Exercises in honor of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet were held this year on December 11, taking the form of a Sunday School program, presented by the Sophomore Class. The program opened with a short address by Pres. Olen Tate, who expressed the appreciation of the class at being given the honor of commemorating the memory of such an honorable man. As the first speaker, Miss Mildred Albert gave a short address on Alice Cogswell, first pupil of Gallaudet, who was responsible for arousing his interest in the deaf, which later led to the establishment of a permanent school for deaf children. Earl Rogerson then gave a talk on Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, and a poem written in his honor was rendered by Laura Eilcr. Priscilla Steele closed the program with a prayer.

The student body, and faculty then filed out to the statue of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and Alice Cogswell, situated in the campus in front of the chapel, and Head Seniors Breedlove and Marshall then placed the traditional wreath at the foot of the statue.

Christmas vacation will begin December 22, and extend through to the New Year, classes being resumed again January 3. In order to make this lengthy vacation enjoyable to those who cannot make the trip home, a highly satisfactory social schedule has been arranged by the social committee chosen for that purpose. The program includes parties, a play, athletic contests between the men and the women as well as between the men, games in the socials to be held almost every night, open house in Fowler Hall, and the regular Christmas Eve bus trip thorough the city. The climax will come on New Year's Eve when the annual YMSC-YWCA Watch Party and Dance is held in the men's refectory. The hike, which will be in Rock Creek Park, and a roller skating party, to be held at a local rink, are innovations of the committee. With such a host of pleasures in store, no one need worry about perishing from boredom.

On Saturday evening, December 10th, Dr. Elizabeth Peet was hostess at a party for the local alumnae OWLS in Fowler Hall. Bingo, crossword lexicon, and contract made an otherwise pleasant evening all the more enjoyable for all present, prizes being awarded to the winners. Later in the evening, refreshments were served, the climax to a perfect evening.

Speaking before a gathering at a program arranged by the National Literary Society for the Deaf, held in the Washington Masonic Temple some time ago, Miss Elizabeth Peet gave an interesting lecture on "The Philosophy of the Sign Language". Also appearing on the program was Miss Catherine Marshall, who presented "The Tale of the Train". A large attendance was present at the program, which was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edith Montgomery.

The O.W.L.S. gave a Christmas program in the Girls' Reading Room, Wednesday evening, December 9th. Miss Rose Coriale signed "Christmas", by Nahum Tate. A talk on Christmas traditions and their origin was given by Miss Norma Corneliussen. A short play "The Giffit of the Magi" adapted from the story by O. Henry was enacted by Misses Rosalind Redfearn and Hertha Zola under the management of Mrs. Lillian Hahn. Miss Catherine Marshall rendered "Star of

the East" in beautiful signs. The critic's report by Frances May closed the program.

The O. W. L. S. scholarship for the year 1938-1939 were given to Miss Ola Benoit '39, Miss Fern Brannan '40, and Miss Beatrice Schiller '41. These scholarships amount to fifty dollars each. They are given to the most deserving co-ed of the Senior, Junior and Sophomore years. A fourth scholarship is being built.

Miss Rose Fong was initiated into the OWLS sorority Saturday evening, November 19th. Miss Fong is a member of the Senior class.

## Quacks

Great strides have been made in fighting quacks who prey on the deaf and hard of hearing in this country, but Holland's efficiency in this respect is unbeatable. The press in that country will not accept advertisements from agents for hearing aids and so called "cures" unless they have the approval of the National League for the Hard of Hearing.

One of the reasons newspapers and periodicals are not cooperating so willingly is that the League published "black lists" of those which were accepting ads from the quacks. When any store attempts to sell a fraudulent remedy or device, the League sends out pickets who warn every customer of the worthlessness of the item. As a result, quacks who had grown rich "restoring" hearing to the Dutch, now are practically unknown. Numerous drug stores, newspapers and magazines in the United States might hastily remove their quack stock and ads if such a procedure were followed here.—*Illinois Advance*.

If a woman looks well, talks well, dresses well, and dances well, she's likely to be deficient in something else—maybe financial matters.

## All Angels' Church for the Deaf

(Episcopal)  
1151 Leland Ave. Chicago, Illinois  
(One block north of Wilson Ave. "L" station, and one-half block west).  
REV. GEORGE F. FLICK, Priest-in-charge.  
MR. FREDERICK W. HINRICH, Lay-leader  
Church services, every Sunday at 11 A.M., Holy Communion, first and third Sundays of each month.  
Social Supper, second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 P.M., with entertainment following at 8 P.M.  
Get-together socials at 8 P.M., all other Wednesdays. (Use Racine Ave. entrance)  
Minister's address, 6336 Kenwood Avenue. Afternoon, 2 to 5 Evening, 7 to 9. Daily except Sunday.

## Central Oral Club, Chicago

Organized 1908—Incorporated 1925  
The Oldest Club for the Oral Deaf in Chicago. Socials and Cards Second Sunday of each month from September to and including June. Entree: 7:30 P.M.  
Atlantic Hotel, 316 South Clark Street, Hall K, Mezzanine Floor. Convenient location and transportation.  
Send all communication to Mrs. Sadie McElroy, 227 Englewood Ave. (Apt. 210), Chicago, Ill.

## Our Savior Lutheran Church

The Rev. Ernest Schneiders, Pastor  
1400 N. Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
Services—10:00 A.M., May to September; 2:30 P.M., October to April.  
Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Preaching in speech and the sign-language. Hearing friends invited to special services. We preach salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.—"Come and we will do thee good."

## SOCIETIES

The Silent Lutheran Club  
Lutheran Deaf-Mute Ladies' Aid Society

## Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

Meets first Thursday evening each month except July, August and September, at St Mark's Parish House, 230 Adelphi Street, near DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Mr. Charles W. Olsen, Secretary, 371 East 159th Street, Bronx, N. Y. C.  
From the Nevins Street station (1 R T subway) or the DeKalb Avenue station (B. M. T.), take the DeKalb t. line car and stop at Adelphi Street

### Manual Alphabet Used on Ballet Scenery

Many persons who attended the recent performance of "St. Francis" by the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo at the Bushnell Memorial expressed interest and curiosity at, to them, an inexplicable aspect of the scenery for the last episode.

On the backdrop, Pavel Tchelitchev, designer of the decor, had drawn delicately and unobtrusively, yet clearly, six hands with the fingers in various apparently symbolic positions.

There was a group for whom the meaning of those hands was not only clear and obvious but summed up the significance of the entire scene.

At the rear of the orchestra sat 25 young people who had never seen a similar performance in their lives. Most of them had never been inside the Bushnell Memorial before. Their happy faces indicated that it was an exciting and memorable event.

From the moment the curtain went up the attention of this group was riveted on the stage, for here was something which these young men and women could understand to the fullest. No sounds had to be heard, no music was necessary for the art of mimicry and pantomime was the art in which these young people dealt. They were deaf. Many were students of the dance, and all were students of auricular training, and masters of the sign language. These young pupils from the American School for the Deaf had bought their own tickets to see their first ballet performance. And they say it was one of the outstanding occasions of their lives. There were several in the group who could distinguish the sounds of the orchestra but all could enjoy the movement, the color, the beauty and grace of the dancers. As one young man said afterward, "It was so beautiful I wanted to cry."

The climax for them, however, was reached in the "St. Francis" ballet, when they watched Leonide Massine express in motion the deep intensity of religious conversion. In the final movement when the dancers all stood with their backs to the audience, their arms outstretched toward Heaven, there was a commotion among these pupils in the audience. They clutched one another's arms and made quick motions to one another to make sure each was seeing correctly. For there, in the blue Heaven of the backdrop above the dancers' outstretched arms, was the celestial crown, or halo, spelled out by hands drawn in the deaf alphabet, "G-L-O-R-I-A." They could hardly believe their eyes.

The famous designer of this most beautiful bit of stage scenery had turned to the universal language of the hands, to express the thought he had in mind.

The pupils later expressed their anxiety to learn just what this meant. So the next day at school a lesson was taught and learned. "GLORIA" is the beginning of the three doxologies. It can also mean halo and aureole. The aureole definition was the one better understood as being applicable to St. Francis, as it means "A celestial crown or accidental reward added to the bliss of heaven, for those who have especially triumphed in their conflict with the world, the flesh and the Devil."—Maxine Tull Boatner in *Hartford News*.

### Greensburg, Pa.

B. Frank Widman of Greensburg, Pa., expects to, if nothing happens to hinder, make a long journey to Warsaw, Indiana, to spend Christmas with his relatives and friends.

Prof. Charles Seaton, a prominent teacher of the Romney (W. Va.) School for the Deaf and the Blind, visited with his relatives in Greensburg, Pa., late in August. While in that city he called at the Greensburg *Daily Tribune* to see Frank Widman. The meeting between two was a brief though pleasant one. Mr. Seaton was graduated from Gallaudet College in 1892, and has been a member of the teaching faculty of the West Virginia School ever since he left the college.

The nephew of Mr. Widman has been appointed as City Attorney by a mayor-elect of Warsaw, Indiana, effective January 1st, 1939. He has been a practicing lawyer since the passing of his father in 1928.

Rev. Warren M. Smaltz of Lebanon, missionary to the deaf in Central and Western Pennsylvania, recently delivered an interesting sermon on subject of Conscience, before a fair-sized deaf audience at Christ Episcopal Church in this city. His delivery of signs is clear and forcible.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Nordstrom and small daughter of this city, spent Thanksgiving Day with the former's parents in Latrobe. Mr. Nordstrom is still an employee of the commercial and job printing department of Henry Company here.

Miss Lillian Hernley is employed as a linotype operator in the printing establishment of her father at Scottsdale and is doing quite well. She is a graduate of the Edgewood School for the Deaf, and also of the East Huntington Township High School. She is a young semi-mute of more than average intelligence.

William James of Johnstown, died suddenly in a hospital after an operation, performed for gallstones. He was buried in Grandview Cemetery south of Johnstown. He had for years been employed in the Bethlehem Steel Works. The deceased was a former student of the Scranton Oral School, and had been for two years married to Miss Edith Laird, who survives. Your scribe has known as his pal since they were both young men, and found in him an agreeable companion. The deceased will be sadly missed in deaf circles in Western Pennsylvania.

Your correspondent received an invitation to attend the wedding of Miss Whilden M. Floyd of Greenville, N. C., to Mr. James D. Watt of High Point, N. C., early in October. Mr. Watt is well known in the western end of Pennsylvania, and was formerly employed as a linotype operator by the Jeanette *Dispatch News* Company. Hearty congratulations to James over this happy event.

The writer has received a foreign post card from a friend of his own, stating that he is enjoying a swell vacation at Nassau in the Bahamas.

The health of our silent community is good as far as can be learned. F. W.

If a man is called to the telephone at home, everybody wants to know "who was that?"

### BOSTON

The N. F. S. D., No. 35, held its regular meeting last week, after the business was disposed of, election of officers took place.

President Wm. H. Battersby, a graduate of the Clarke School for the Deaf, was again elected by acclamation, because of his excellent management of the organization.

Mr. Ira Betts is the next vice-president, while Mr. James McDonald became the new secretary.

Mr. Chester Heegar was re-elected treasurer (by acclamation). He has the distinction of having held this office, for the longest time, having served as treasurer for eight years.

Their Hallowe'en Frolic on October 29th, had an attendance of over 125 people. The Boston Fraters will also have their annual three-day affair, as follows: a "Dance" at Brown Hall, Huntington Ave. on December 31st. "Open House" at 3 Boylston Place, on January 1st, and "Bowling" at the Huntington Avenue Alleys on the second.

The Massachusetts Benevolent Association held a successful card party at the Ritz Plaza Hall, Saturday evening, November 19th, despite a heavy downpour. A crowd of some seventy were on hand. Efficiently managed by the committee-in-charge, all the games ran off smoothly. The winners were Mr. Herbert Petersen, Miss Helen Downey, Miss Anne Rosenberg, Mrs. Belle Weinberg and Rev. J. S. Light. The door prize went to Miss Elsie Kelley. Cash prizes were given each winner. Refreshments were given.

That same evening, another social in the form of a birthday (annual) supper, was held, at the Boston Oral Club meeting hall in Allston, with some fifty in attendance. Mrs. Robert Williams was in charge. A movie show and games comprised the remainder of the evening.

Mr. George Tripp, aged 76 years, a resident of the New England Home for the Aged Deaf, for the last seven years, passed away, last October 29th. He had been in poor health for some time. Interment was made in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Danvers.

Mrs. Cora Weymouth and Mrs. Sarah Carter, of the Home, as well some of the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, attended the reception of Mr. and Mrs. John Mack of North Reading, where the latter celebrated their golden anniversary on the 6th of November. Mrs. Mack, one of the active members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, has been a frequent contributor of vegetables and fruit to the "Riverbank" Home.

Armistice Day Eve, in Salem Hall of the "Riverbank," the Boston Fraters held a dance, at which around sixty were in attendance. Games were also played, in which the members of the Home also joined. Cookies and tonic were sold by a committee of the Ladies' Auxiliary, namely, Mrs. Hattie Shaw and Mrs. L. C. Cross.

A group of ten members of the Ladies' Auxiliary visited the Lever Brothers plant, makers of "Rinso" and "Lux," in Cambridge, on Thursday afternoon, November 16th. They all found the trip most interesting, and were given a medium size box of

Rinso and Lux soaps. If there are others who would like to form a group for a visit to that plant, Mrs. M. Betts of 94 Howard Street, Waltham, Mass., the secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary, will be glad to make the arrangements.

Mrs. George Hull is giving a movie show, at her home in Arlington, under the auspices of the Yale Memorial Fund, of the Clarke School Alumni Association, tonight, December 10th. A meeting for the Alumni members is being arranged for tomorrow afternoon, the 11th.

Mrs. H. P. Kane of Los Angeles, Cal., dropped into Boston recently. She visited relatives as well as old friends, before returning to New York.

Miss Florence Glazer of Springfield, was in this city. She visited Mr. and Mrs. Julius Castaline of Revere, over the Thanksgiving week. The Castalines, having purchased a brand new 1938 Plymouth sedan recently, and accompanied by Miss Glazer, drove to Northampton, where they visited their son, Bernard, at the Clarke School.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilder of Maynard, *nee* Lucy Young, were pleasantly surprised, when they received cards, announcing the arrival of a new baby boy. It is their second child, born last October 17th.

Jason Weinberg, young son of the Joe Weinbergs is having a long hospitalization and rest period, having received a broken hip, when he ran into a lamppost, while riding a bicycle.

Miss Sara Feinberg, formerly of Lowell, was out of the hospital last week, after having her nose straightened. The operation appears to have been a success.

From a brief news item in one of the daily papers, it was learned that Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen of Rumford, N. H., were involved in an auto smashup near Northfield, Mass., on the night of Armistice Day, November 11th, and were taken to a nearby hospital. They were evidently on their way to visit relatives of Mrs. Cohen in New Jersey. To what extent they were injured, has as yet not been learned. Mr. Cohen, who is on the Rumford Press, is one of New England Gallaudet Association. the indefatigable members of the ciation.

E. W.

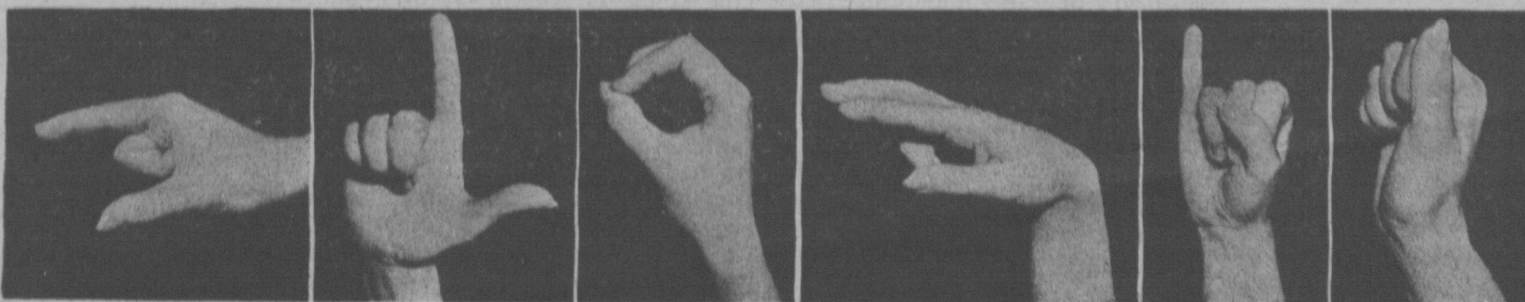
### Deaf Persons Adjust Carburetors Better

Persons afflicted with poor hearing have a better chance of making an accurate adjustment of the carburetor than those who listen to the motor when tuning it up, according to service men who daily undo the mistakes made by ambitious car owners. As a matter of fact, service men say the method followed by the deaf is the newer and better way to check carburetor mixture.

Unable to hear the motor idling, the deaf owner watches the fan. As he turns the adjustment screw toward lean, he waits for the fan to hesitate. The correct mixture is just above the visual hesitate.—*The Motor*.

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### SPEAKING HANDS BEAR A MESSAGE OF GLORY AT BALLET



The message is the message of Tchelitchev, but the hand is the hand of a pupil at the American School for the Deaf. These pictures, posed by a girl, repeat the message on a backdrop at the presentation of the Ballet Russe.

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"He's true to God who's true to man;  
Whenever wrong is done  
To the humblest and the weakest  
'Neath the all-beholding sun,  
'That wrong is also done to us,  
And they are slaves most base,  
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THERE is approaching the national threshold an old, very old friend of blithe customs, an annual and welcome visitor; in fact, he is already knocking at the door. He is San Nicholas, or St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children. He is also known as Santa Claus or, in other words, the Christmas Spirit. His origin, his real significance are somewhat difficult to trace. Some people are so dull-witted as to imagine that Santa Claus never existed as a human being. Well, what of it? As children we believed in him, and if we were pleasantly misled by loving parents it was a merry hoax that had its pleasures. We still greet the great day as being especially the festival of children honoring their patron saint.

To tell children that he never existed would be an absurdity. As children did we not learn to expect this jolly old soul, that with his tinkling bells and pack of toys he would come down chimneys to fill the stockings of good children with gifts? Were we not well-behaved for weeks before that we might be on the list of the good? Didn't we know that Santa had a long, white beard, his jovial stoutness belted in a red coat, with red breeches and high glazed boots? We believed in him then and our children believe in him now, nad if they don't it is to be regretted.

As a point of historic interest we glean that in Early England, as being the festival of the nativity of Christ, it was called "Christmas" from "Christes messe," which means "Christ's mass." Our American celebration carries threads from many countries brought by people coming from many nations, yet our Christmas festivities are individual—strictly American, a tapestry that has been patterned with many beautiful threads. Out of the distant past comes a whispered greeting that warms the heart, a greeting we pass to our readers with cordial good wishes:

## A Merry Christmas to All

AN INSTITUTE in the City of New York at which quite a number of graduates of the local residential schools for the deaf have pursued to their advantage free courses in art and science, is well known to and appreciated by many who have been benefitted by the instruction afforded in its free classes. It has produced many students in the arts and sciences. Several deaf people who took up courses at the Union have proved that they possessed talent as painters, as architects, and in electrical work.

Cooper Union for the advancement of sciences and arts is so named in remembrance of Peter Cooper, its founder, well known for his philanthropic assistance to many deserving causes. It was established in 1859 for the free instruction of the working classes in applied science, art, social and political science. The man who established the Union, Peter Cooper, recognized the fundamental importance of science applied to the ordinary useful occupations of life. He was the first iron worker who, in 1854, rolled wrought-iron beams for fire-proof structures. In 1830 he built from his own designs the first locomotive built in America, and was active in laying the first Atlantic cable in 1858.

His experience prompted the ideal of education promoted at Cooper Union—one of scientific humanism—so the facilities of this center of learning are directed toward the development of the whole man. The scope of the Union includes, besides evening courses, five year courses in civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering, and chemistry, in which degrees are conferred. The Union is advancing the philosophy of the founder in a relatively small institution, a paramount principle for the realization of which it has been ideally fitted. It has liberal art teachers who know something of science, and science teachers who have some feelings for the arts.

IN ESTIMATING the advanced standard at present attained in the education of American deaf children in residential schools as compared with that in other countries, much of the credit is due to the basic principle laid down by the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf. The discussions and decisions of this Conference have been productive of important results.

The members forming this body, representing the schools throughout the country, consistently adhere to the policy that in this particular branch of education they insist that the education of the deaf child is a matter of right, not of charity. It is distinctly a specialized branch of educational work, calling for experienced teachers who have made themselves thoroughly versed with requirements of groups of children deprived of an important sense. This is attained by the careful selection of teachers, chosen from college graduates of Normal Training Schools, familiar with the principles of pedagogy and psychology, and who, through special training and experience, are habituated to the peculiarities, abilities, and especially the limitations of the deaf child.

Attainments such as those mentioned do not form a part of the training of teachers concerned with the educa-

tion of the hearing child, whose education is not confined wholly to school teaching but comes from contacts outside of the classrooms, through the ability to hear and understand spoken English coming to their ears naturally and without effort of their own. The old idea of surrounding the education of the deaf with a veil of mystery, a practice said to be still in vogue in some countries, has happily passed away in our schools. Yet, even with this knowledge of the nature of deaf children, problems will occasionally arise that are quite complex, demanding modes of procedure with grading systems distinct from those common to hearing children. It is this recognition of and close attention to the difference to methods of approach to their work that has produced a high grade of teachers and an admirable advancement in the American system of the education of deaf children.

## OHIO

Just forty-five years ago December 27th, 1893, the Columbus Ladies' Aid Society, was started and now only three of the charter members are left. The society, like many others in Ohio, have aided the Ohio Home greatly.

Mrs. Alice Pratt, who celebrated her 93d birthday last August, suffered a stroke a short time ago and it was feared her end was near; but she rallied and is now able to walk around her room.

The following is taken from the *Ohio Chronicle* of November 26th:

"Patricia Nilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Nilson, suffered an accident on November 19th, while playing. She fell with a ruler in her mouth, cutting the roof of her mouth severely, necessitating that she go to a hospital and have some stitches taken. Though the accident may have been quite serious, it proved not to be and Patricia is recovering nicely. Her many friends at the school have been quite anxious for her, but are pleased to learn that she is now practically recovered and improving rapidly."

The students at the school will leave for their homes December 22d, and return January 8th. A Christmas party is to be given December 20th.

Miss Margaret Schumacher, a teacher at the Western Pennsylvania School till about the first of November, died at the home of a sister here. She had her first experience in teaching the deaf at the Ohio School and was a very successful teacher and much liked by all. The remains after funeral services in Columbus, will be taken to St. Claresville, Ohio, for burial. Miss Schumacher had been in poor health for a few years.

Mrs. Herman Cook and her party have returned from a very delightful trip through the west. Out in California she met several old Ohio friends.

Mrs. J. C. Winemiller had the November birthday party at the Home, and had as her guests Mr. A. B. Greener and Mrs. May G. Thomas. There were two deaths at the Home in November, Mrs. Stansberger and Mr. H. Porter. Both deaths came suddenly from heart failure.

Mrs. Lillian Dunn of Springfield, is still in a hospital in that city with a badly injured leg, the result of having been struck by an automobile last November 9th. Several months ago her husband Mr. Alexander Dunn, died in the hospital after being struck by an auto in the same city.

Miss Frances Kudlouskas, a former pupil at the St. Rita School in Cincinnati, was married late in October

to Mr. Harrison Robinson. A priest using the sign-language united the two and about ten deaf folks witnessed the ceremony, which took place in a Catholic Church in Springfield.

Mr. Ross Miller of Toledo, is now employed at the Chittenden Printing Co. there, and it is rumored that he and Miss Kathryn Rutherford will before long be a happy bride and groom. Anyway, she is wearing a diamond ring.

Seems when the school basketball team went to Sedalia for a game, the bus driver got lost and kept wandering around looking for the right road. The team was just an hour late, and was badly beaten by the team from the Sedalia High School.

When one of the boys from school opened his baggage to hurriedly dress for the game, a mouse sprang out and he had to let it go as there was not time to follow it. It was probably terrified by the long bus ride.

A card from Mrs. William Sawhill, now basking in the sunshine at St. Petersburg, Fla., states that she and Mr. Sawhill arrived there safely driving from Swisssvale, Penna., in their car. The two make friends wherever they go.

Mrs. Bico, a deaf resident of Dayton, and remembered by many as an assistant at the Home some years ago, died at the home of her daughter in Columbus, whom she was visiting over Thanksgiving.

Sponsored by the Columbus Branch of the N. A. D., Gallaudet Day was very appropriately observed by a good crowd, with a fine dinner at the Southern Hotel. The committee-in-charge, Miss MacGregor, Mr. Ohlemacher and Mr. F. Moore, may well feel proud of their efforts to have a very pleasant evening. The following program, with Mrs. Stallo presiding, was carried out:

"Thomas H. Gallaudet"..... Mr. Robert Greenum  
"The Children of T. H. Gallaudet"..... Mr. C. Jacobson  
Reminiscences of the Ohio School..... Miss Edgar  
"Present Day Trends in the Education of the Deaf"..... Mr. J. Flood  
"The N. A. D."..... Mr. I. Crossen  
"Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet" a poem..... Mr. Schwartz

Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy were present and he was called upon for remarks, as was the foreman of the Davies Packing Co., where so many deaf are employed. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mather came over from Richmond, Ind., to celebrate the day with their Columbus friends. All regretted that Mr. A. B. Greener could not be present.

Down in Cincinnati there is a new apartment called the Laurel Home which is under the Federal Government. Several deaf families have moved in and find it a very convenient place to live, and more of the deaf are applying for quarters there.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Wortman in Cincinnati, Miss Ethel Pollard entertained a large crowd for the benefit of the Cameron M. E. Church in November. Friends were pleased to find Mrs. Roy Black of Piqua, there as a house guest of the Wortmans. A large sum was realized from the sale of refreshments, which is to be used for improvements on the Parish House.

Merry Christmas Happy New Year to you all.

B. E.

An American editor worries his hair gray to see that no typographical mistakes appear on the pages of his magazine. The Chinese editor is wiser than that. He wants to leave his readers the supreme satisfaction of discovering a few typographical mistakes for themselves.—*Lin Yutang in "The Importance of Living."*

Just as soon as we make a good resolution, we get into a situation which makes its observance unbearable with cordial good wishes.

## MINNESOTA

News items for this column, and subscriptions, should be sent to Wesley Lauritsen, School for the Deaf, Faribault, Minnesota.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Spirit of Christmas is upon us. We in the North hope to have a white Christmas. A radiant blanket of white always seems to enrich the Spirit of Christmas within the home. Christmas has a different meaning to all of us. We should not forget that we have Christmas because of Christ. It is Christ's Birthday. For a real blessed Christmas it is well to read the story of the Nativity of Christ as told in the Gospel of Luke. There are the manager and the crowded inn, the shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night, and the Star guiding the Wise Men to the cradle of the new-born Babe. This scene is the fountain head of all Christmas joy. It is from this source that Christian nations each year find renewed inspiration and happiness. Only He who said, "I am the light of the world," can bring real Christmas joy into your heart, dear reader. Our Christmas prayer is that He will bring you this joy, and to each and everyone we wish the blessings of peaceful Christmas and happiness in the New Year.

### EPHPHATHA YULE PROGRAM

The yule-tide season was ushered in at the Ephphatha church for the deaf and blind on Sunday, December 11, the last Sunday before vacation begins. A communion service featured the morning service and the Rev. L. E. Hammer assisted the Rev. H. O. Bjorlie, pastor, in administering holy communion to communicants and their friends.

The Christmas tree was set up and decorated for the festival in the evening. At 6:30 P.M. the first program given for the blind and hearing, was opened with a surprise visit of the girl scout troop of the Minnesota School for the Blind, with Miss Ema-line Brandeen leading. They sang appropriate Christmas carols outside the door of the church and then continued elsewhere in the city.

The program in the church began with scripture reading and prayer by the Rev. A. J. Aarhus of Kenyon. Miss Alice Bredeson of the Lincoln school faculty gave a Christmas message and sang Christmas selections, including a duet with the Rev. Mr. Aarhus. Gift packages then were distributed.

At 7:45 P.M. the deaf assembled from the school and city, filling the church for the second time. The Kenyon pastor and Miss Bredeson again participated and a long program was given by the young people under the auspices of their Sunday school and the Young People's society. Miss Marion Bjorge and Miss Delores Setran were in charge, assisted by Mrs. Bjorlie.

A welcome guest among the deaf was Miss Genora Ganes, who came with her parents, and contributed to the success of the program. J. C. Lysen, superintendent of the school for the blind, attended and extended greetings and had with him Dr. P. C. Potts, New York, assistant director of the American Foundation for the Blind.

He has been principal of a school for the deaf and blind in Maryland, and superintendent of the School for the Deaf and Blind of Idaho. Wesley Lauritsen, assistant in the Ephphatha church mission, closed the program with prayer.

Including the guests and girl scout carolers, there were 250 in attendance from the school. The Rev. and Mrs. Bjorlie and E. H. Bjorlie, church custodian, received gifts from the deaf.

Taking a first quarter lead of 6 to 2, the Minnesota School for the Deaf basketball team flashed its power in the Hilltopper gymnasium on Dec. 9 by defeating Morristown 43 to 12 in

a run-a-way game that left little doubt as to the strength of Coach Lloyd Ambrosen's cage team this year.

Scoring comparatively at ease, the Maroon and Gold cagers were paced by Samuelson, who piled up 12 points in the first half. Ambrosen, in an attempt to give his reserves a taste of game play, used Samuelson for only a few moments the second half.

Awod, who filled in for Padden in the second half part of the time, tied with the regular for second place scoring honors with 10 points. Both Awod and Padden scored all of their points on field goals.

Making excellent use of a long pass and fast break, the Deaf piled up many of their goals by catching their opponents off guard. Particularly adept on the assists by the pass was Nelson, Maroon and Gold captain, who led his team mates in some of the best floor play and ball handling of the game.

Although small, the Deaf team functioned smoothly throughout the game and gave indications of becoming once again a leading threat to the Midwest tournament for Deaf cagers in Feb. Getting only a four-point lead at the end of the first quarter, the Hilltoppers stepped up their pace in the second and found themselves out ahead 2 to 4 at the end of the half. They scored 16 of the 20 points on field goals and 4 on free throws.

In the second half, making frequent use of substitutions, Ambrosen's squad allowed the Morristown quint eight points but also increased its own total by 23. Scoring came as a result of a single foul shot and 11 field goals.

The game, the second straight victory for the Hilltoppers, tended somewhat to quiet Ambrosen's dissatisfaction with his team in its one-point victory over Medford last week. Familiar with their own floor and not cramped by smaller quarters than they were used to, the Deaf hit their stride quickly.

### MINNEAPOLIS ORAL NEWS

The Minneapaul Oral Association held its regular lively meeting at Howard Johnson's home on Friday, December 2d, 1938.

Ralph Deilke has invited twelve Minneapaul members to bring their girl friends or their wives to the tobogganing party at the Minnehaha Falls Park slide and then over to his house for their refreshments on Saturday night, January 14th, 1939.

The Minneapaul Oral Association has formed three bowling teams to compete against each other. The result to date are as follows:

"Just Us" defeated the "Musketeers" two out of three at the Minneapolis Central Alleys on November 27th. On December 4th, at the same bowling alleys, the Gophers defeated the Musketeers two out of three.

The individual standings:

Name	Games	Average	Total
Carlson	3	150.2	452
Horgen	3	150.0	450
Johnson	3	149.1	448
Arndt	3	145.0	435
Fallond	3	128.1	384
Corcoran	3	123.1	371

Jack Campbell, brother of our well-known St. Paul oralist, Alan Campbell is an all around athlete, formerly of Central High School, and now of Hamline University. He can fill any position, except center, in basketball, and is one of the highest scoring players there.

While on Central High school football team, he created sensations in the high school sports by his long runs for touchdowns. At Hamline U. he was placed on the medicore football team, and through his clever playing raised his team and kept it in high place for two consecutive seasons. He expects to create sensational basketball fame this winter. His basketball team will take part in the invitation tournament in Chicago during the Christmas season.

Max Sorenson, another St. Paul oralist, is fast becoming an expert ice skater and is now a member of the

Figure Skating Club of St. Paul and Minneapolis. This club is very exclusive and only the fancy skaters of highest skill can join. He is probably the first deaf person to join this club. He recently went to the Hollywood Ice Revue at the St. Paul Auditorium to watch the cream of fancy skaters of the world do their stuff. However, the creamiest of the cream was Sonja Heine, in whose skating Max takes a great deal of interest. He is determined to outskate her some day. Let all the deaf of Minnesota boost Max Sorenson, in his effort to get on the Olympic team some day.

The Minneapaul Oral Association wishes everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## SEATTLE

Mr. and Mrs. True Partridge celebrated their silver wedding anniversary, November 29th, with a reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright. About 45 guests came and many complimentary speeches were made about Mr. and Mrs. Partridge. Mr. Partridge graduated from the Minnesota school and his wife attended the Missouri and Washington state schools. They received a chest of community silverware from the Seattle friends, a silver dish from Mabel, the oldest daughter, living in Los Angeles, and other silverware from relatives. From Spokane came a silver tea set. An immense cake was ordered for the occasion and with it ice-cream and coffee were served. Mr. and Mrs. Partridge are very popular. They were married in Seattle and have resided here ever since. True has been a bookkeeper for Patterson Dental Supply Co. for a number of years.

Mrs. George Riley, of Victoria, British Columbia, came to Seattle, November 26th, and visited her brothers and their families for a few days and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Partridge till December 5th, when she returned home. She attended the Partridge's wedding anniversary and the Aux-Frat meeting and she was warmly greeted by all the deaf.

Miss Genevieve Sink took a hearing friend out driving one evening last week when another car struck her auto as she crossed the intersection at Battery Street and Aurora Avenue. Miss Sink's machine turned around injuring her left leg and the back of her lady companion though not seriously. Genevieve smelled liquor on the driver of the other car. She managed to drive back home. About forty dollars will be the charge for the repair of the car.

Among the Seattle deaf every one had a big turkey dinner with friends or relatives. Mr. and Mrs. T. Partridge had theirs with relatives in Bryn Mawr, while Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bodley entertained Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lorenz of Tacoma, at their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Haire and Mr. and Mrs. Lamir Palmer enjoyed the day at Miss Bertha Stowes home.

Mrs. W. S. Root's brother-in-law and his wife are stopping with her and her son, Milo, this winter.

Come to the Seattle's annual New Year's Party at Moore Hall on 8th Avenue and Union Street and enjoy the many things which are being prepared by the N. F. S. D. men.

In Mrs. F. C. Holloway's interesting letter she states that she is staying with her daughter and her family in Clinton, Iowa. We all hope she will return to the Charmed Land next summer.

Miss Mary Larson, formerly of Seattle, and Mr. Bouchard, of Vancouver, Washington, were married recently. All friends extend congratulations.

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. L. A. Divine, of Vancouver, Washington on the arrival of a little granddaughter. Her daughter, Mrs. LeRoy Kraus, became a proud mamma, November 15th.

At the election of the Seattle N. F. S. D. No. 44, December 4th, the Bodley. Here is the result: President, officers were all new except J. T. Wilbur Lanclot; Vice-President, A. Goetz; Secretary, Carl Spencer; Treasurer, J. T. Bodley, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Clarence Thomas; A. W. Wright, trustee.

The same evening the N. F. S. D. auxiliary had their election which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. A. W. Wright; Vice President, Mrs. Arthur Martin; Secretary, Mrs. N. C. Garrison; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Bertram, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Mrs. C. K. McConnell.

After the meeting sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served by the committee, Mrs. Victoria Smith, Mrs. C. K. McConnell, and Miss G. Sink.

About 65 deaf attended the social last night to commemorate the birthday of Dr. T. H. Gallaudet. President J. T. Bodley hurried up the regular business meeting for a program of short speeches. At 9:30 Dutch whist and Buzz were played, with prizes won by Mrs. T. Partridge, Arthur Martin, Mrs. John Hood and Rex Oliver. Mrs. Edna Bertram, Mrs. Arthur Martin and Miss G. Sink, the committee, served fine refreshments. Mr. Greenwald and Mr. Fest, of Portland, came over to attend the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Reeves tendered a chicken dinner for Miss Sophia Mullin and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thomas for their birthday which fell on December 3rd. They received nice presents. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Weston, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown and William LaMote. The friends were surprised to find the country home had a new coat of white paint with red trimmings and a cement walk.

The 54 year old mother of Mrs. Hussey Cookson passed away, December 5th. Everyone extends sympathy to the sorrowing daughter.

### PUGET SOUND

December 11, 1938

### The Deaf Child Has a Big Handicap

While it is possible for a deaf child to acquire as good an education as a hearing child, yet his deafness is a serious handicap. It may be broadly true that "there is no royal road to learning," yet for the hearing child, there is a royal road. It is said, no doubt, of the average hearing person truly, that at least half of what he knows, he learned before he was seven years of age without any conscious effort.

This is certainly true as regards language. Every hearing child, from its infancy, is absorbing language, and the ideas and knowledge that comes through language. Nearly all of our language is gained by hearing others talk, and reproducing these forms of speech in our own conversation. So, when a hearing child enters school, he has already acquired a large amount of knowledge and the ability to use and understand the forms of language in general use.

The deaf child, on the contrary, enters school with very little mental development, and in most cases with absolutely no command of language. He must start where the hearing infant began, but without the latter's ability to hear. He must now learn his first word, and day by day, and word by word, slowly and laboriously build up his vocabulary and powers of expression. It takes several years for a deaf child to acquire as much language as a hearing child has when he enters school; and even then he will not be able to express himself nearly so freely and accurately, for it is impossible for him to obtain the multi-repetition that is essential to the acquisition of facility in the use of language. Hence the importance of sending the deaf child to school as soon as he has reached the minimum age. Not otherwise will it have a fair chance of making good progress and securing an education adequate to its needs.—*The Canadian*.

**New York City**

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**UNION LEAGUE NOTES**

"Twas not the night before Christmas," at the Union League of the Deaf, but it was one week before, and good number of the League's loyal friends were there to make merry.

The present Entertainment Committee were engineering their last affair, and they decided on something novel, the Lightning Dance, and to make it effective they installed new bulbs that would reflect different colored lights on the walls around the room when all other lights were extinguished. When the dance began it was a novel scene to behold. The committee Messrs. Farliser, Intrator and Isaacson felt elated. There were games for cash prizes before the dance.

Going to Boston contest was the first game, and was won by Eleanor D. Sachs and Piel Epstein.

In the candle light contest, the onlookers enjoyed that game, if game it can be called. Half a dozen at a time were given a candle and each a safety match, and at the word of "go" from the starter, Mr. Nathan Schwartz, they had to first strike the match on one of their shoes, then light the candle and then carry it in the palm of their hand for ten yards. The winners were, for the gentle sex, Miss Forman, and the sterner sex, Mrs. Abe Miller.

The waltz contest followed, first prize going to the couple of James Ferricano and Miss Fanny Schawtrz.

The second prize went to Tony Calderone and Miss Florence Piecyh. The judges were Miss Minnie Regenbogen, Mrs. E. Sonnenstrahl and Mr. Dannerberg. Refreshments were served to all.

The writer, who has been connected with DEAF MUTES' JOURNAL from the day the paper was first printed at the old school at Fanwood, as a pupil and afterwards as assistant instructor in the printing office, where the JOURNAL was printed weekly for thirty-six years, visited the new plant at White Plains recently. He desires to congratulate Mr. Skyberg, the superintendent of the School, on the fine plant installed there. Printing is a trade well adapted to the deaf.

Wishing the staff off the JOURNAL and all the readers a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. I hope to see many at the New York World's Fair that opens next April.

ANTHONY CAPELLE.

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